



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Bunchberry Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-084564 and Forest Practices Application No. 2919847. This is a variable retention harvest of 71 acres in 4 units and a wetland management thinning of 8 acres in 1 unit, with 3,277 feet of optional road construction, 3,277 feet of road abandonment, and 1,214 feet of pre-haul maintenance.

Description of mitigation: The following mitigation measures will be implemented with this proposal:

- Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) averaging 155 feet wide on type 3 and type 1 streams have been retained to protect water quality, provide corridors for wildlife, and maintain habitat for fish and amphibians.
- Wetland Management Zones (WMZ) applied is 172 feet for forested wetland 1, 100 feet for forested wetland 2, and 150 feet for forested wetland 3.
- Wildlife tree and snag recruitment will be accomplished by retaining a minimum of 8 trees per acre, consisting of conifer and hardwood species.
- Neighborhood outreach has been conducted. Adjacent landowners have been notified of impending operations on State land.
- A temporary fish passage culvert will be placed in a type 3 stream for equipment crossing and will be removed in the same season post harvest.
- Geo-textile fabric will be used at the stream crossing to prevent erosion and compaction.
- Root wads and large woody debris will be placed in the stream after crossing is abandoned.
- Abandoned right-of-way through RMZ will be replanted.
- WMZ thinning to promote older forest structure and species diversity.
- Retention of several large remnant Douglas-fir trees in Unit 1.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal: Sections 4, 5, 8, Township 3 North, Range 4 East, W.M., approximately 8 miles by road, northeast of Battle Ground, off the L-1000, L-1300, and Dole Valley road systems in Clark County, Washington.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[] There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

[X] This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from July 23, 2009. Comments must be submitted by August 6, 2009.

Responsible official: Julie Sackett

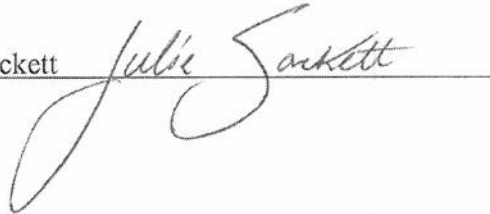
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There is no agency SEPA appeal.